

Mum's the word!

During the bidding, unless you plan to make a bid, do not ask the meaning of the opponents' bids. When one of them answers, the other finds out what his partner thinks! Before you lead, you can ask what all the bids mean. If your partner is on lead, ask him to lead face down and then you can ask away. In case you don't know, it is illegal to ask on behalf of your partner!

When you ALERT your partner's bid, just say ALERT. Do not say anything else unless asked by the person whose turn is next. Else you are giving your partner info about what you know.